Socialist Worker

Unite and Fight For Workers Rights

May day is International Workers Day - a symbol of workers throughout the world fighting back against oppression. Today little has changed since the struggle for an 8 hour day last century.

Half the world goes without enough food to eat despite the fact we produce enough to feed us 6 times over. Unemployment, war, poverty and the threat of Fascism has returned to haunt Europe in the 1990's as it did in the thirties.

Here in the North the gap between rich and poor has never been wider. Real wages are 23% less than in Britain, unemployment stands at 19.5% and 139,000 children live in poverty. This is at a time when the bosses are stuffing their pockets and the Tories getting backhanders from the National Lottery. The notion of 'parity of asteem' clearly does not apply to the class divide.

Anger

The Tories are hypocrites when they claim they want to end sectarianism and 'invest in peace'. They and the Unionist politicians have constantly whipped up sectarianism to divide workers. The so called peace dividend has served up nothing but low paid, part-time, non-unionised jobs such as those at Seagate in Derry. Recently it was announced that Daewoo in Antrim pays lower wages to workers here than to those in Korea.

There is plenty to be angry about - the NHS is being destroyed - 6000 beds lost while nurses are offered a 1% pay rise. At the same time electricity prices are raised by 6% and water is set to be privatised. These attacks can be stopped. It is time for ICTU to stop cosying up to the bosses and lead a real fight back, uniting every worker pushing back the Tory offensive. At the same time it would isolate the bigots who thrive on division.

Organise

However to bring fundamental change we need to build a different kind of society based on human need not profit and greed. To fight for a Socialist alternative means we need Socialist organisation that looks to the power of workers and not based solely on elections.

The Socialist Workers Party is opposed to both sectarian states North and South and believe that workers can take power and run society for themselves. We are building a revolutionary party North and South to fight for a Workers' Republic. If you agree with our aims then fill in the slip below and join us.

Public Meeting

Was World War two a war for democracy ?

8pm Wednesday 10th May

Central Hall, Rosemary St.

Join Us !

Name.....

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